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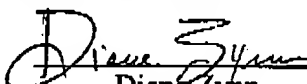
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please amend the  
above-referenced application as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the text of claim 35 with the following text:

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35. (Amended) A cleaning device for cleaning a nozzle surface of an ink-  
jet head, comprising:

a first wiping member for wiping said nozzle surface;

a cleaner lever for supporting said first wiping member;

a lever driving mechanism moving said first wiping member between a  
retracted position located away from said nozzle surface and a wiping position for  
wiping said nozzle surface; and

a flat plate form second wiping member formed of an elastic body  
arranged within a moving path of said first wiping member so as to contact with  
said first wiping member;

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